

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~5~~ and ~~16~~.

Please add claims 21-23.

1. (Amended) Firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy compositions comprising: [-]
84.5 - 99.42% by weight silver;
0.5 - 6% by weight copper;
[0.02] 0.07 - 7% by weight of a [firescale resisting additive selected from one or a] mixture of zinc and silicon, wherein said silicon is present in the range of 0.02 to 2.0% by weight; [,] and
0.01 ~~to~~ 2.5% by weight germanium.

Claim ~~2~~, Line 1 delete "jewellery" and insert --jewelry--.

Claim ~~3~~, Line 1 delete "jewellery" and insert --jewelry--.

Claim ~~4~~, Line 1 delete "jewellery" and insert --jewelry--.

Claim ~~6~~, Line 1 delete "jewellery" and insert --jewelry--.

7. (Amended) Firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy [compositions comprising 0.0 to 3.5% by weight of a grain refinement and/or surface tension reducing additive selected from one or a mixture of indium and boron alloyed to a composition in accordance with] according to claim 1, wherein a proportion of said silver content is replaced by up to 3.5% by weight of an additive selected from the group consisting of indium, boron, and a mixture of indium and boron.

8. (Amended) Firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy compositions in accordance with claim 7, wherein said [grain refinement and/or surface tension reducing additive comprises from 0] proportion of up to 3.5% silver content is replaced by a mixture comprising up to 2% by weight boron and [0] up to 1.5% by weight indium.

Sub 9. (Amended) Firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy [compositions comprising] according to claim 1, wherein a proportion of said silver is replaced by tin an amount of up to 6% by weight [alloyed to a composition in accordance with].

Claim 10, line 1 delete "jewellery" and insert --jewelry--.

13. (Amended) A method of producing firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy compositions according to claim 1 and including the alloying of silver metal with a master alloy comprising [by weight]: 52.5 - 99.85% by weight copper; 0.1 - 35% by weight of a mixture of zinc [or] and silicon [or mixtures thereof], and 0.05 - 12.5% by weight germanium.

14. (Amended) A method of producing firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellery] jewelry silver alloy compositions according to claim 7 and including the alloying of silver metal with a master alloy comprising [,by weight]: 15.0 - 99.545% by weight copper; 0.25 - 25% by weight zinc; 0.1 - 10% by weight silicon; 0.005 - 10% by weight boron; 0.05 - 15% by weight indium, and 0.05 - 25% by weight germanium.

(Twice amended)
15. A method of producing firescale resistant, work hardenable [jewellerysilver] jewelry silver alloy compositions according to claim 9 and including the alloying of silver metal with a master alloy comprising [,by weight]: 2.5 - 97.455% by weight copper; 0.25 - 25% by weight zinc; 0.1 - 10% by weight silicon; 0.005 - 10% by weight boron; 0.05 - 15% by weight indium; 0.05 - ^{25%}15% by weight germanium, and 2.0 - 12.5% by weight tin.

(amended)
17. A silver composition comprising[; by weight percent]:

[Silver]	92.5	<u>weight percent silver;</u>
[Copper]	2.35	<u>weight percent copper;</u>
[Zinc]	2.82	<u>weight percent zinc;</u>
[Silicon]	0.19	<u>weight percent silicon;</u>
[Boron]	0.01	<u>weight percent boron;</u>
[Indium]	0.23	<u>weight percent indium; and</u>

[Germanium] 1.9 weight percent germanium.

(amended)

18. A silver composition comprising[; by weight percent]:

[Silver] 92.5 weight percent silver;

[Copper] 3.25 weight percent copper;

[Zinc] 3.75 weight percent zinc;

[Silicon] 0.2 weight percent silicon;

[Boron] 0.01 weight percent boron;

[Indium] 0.25 weight percent indium; and

[Germanium] 0.04 weight percent germanium.

(Twice amended)

19. A silver composition comprising, ~~by weight percent:~~

[Silver] 92.5 weight percent silver;

[Copper] 3.0 weight percent copper;

[Zinc] 3.14 weight percent zinc;

[Silicon] 0.15 weight percent silicon;

[Boron] 0.01 weight percent boron;

[Indium] 0.2 weight percent indium; and

[Germanium] 1.0 weight percent germanium.

(Twice amended)

20. A silver composition comprising[; by weight percent]:

[Zinc] 2.25 weight percent zinc;

[Indium] 0.075 weight percent indium;

[Tin] 0.075 weight percent tin;

[Germanium] 0.125 weight percent germanium;

0.003 weight percent boron;

0.20 weight percent silicon;

4.772 weight percent copper; and

92.5 weight percent silver.